

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventors: McAuley et al. )  
For: BREATHING ASSISTANCE APPARATUS )  
Examiner: Steven O. Douglas )  
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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of October 9, 2009, having a shortened statutory date for response set to expire on January 9, 2010, kindly amend the application as follows: